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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/783,037	JANNICK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Richard L. Leung	3744	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 April 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/36046 (Dournel et al.). Dournel et al. disclose a refrigerant comprising 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane for use as a replacement for R11 (CFC-11), and expressly disclose the application of said replacement refrigerant in cooling systems comprising a turbocompressor that compresses a refrigerant. See particularly page 11, lines 18-24. It is understood that such turbocompressor cooling systems inherently operate by compressing the refrigerant and allowing the refrigerant to expand in heat exchange relation with the material to be cooled, as is well known in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/36046 (Dournel et al.) in view of US 5662825 (Bivens et al.). As already discussed above, Dournel et al. disclose refrigerants comprising 1,1,1,3,3-

pentafluorobutane (HFC-365mfc) for use as replacements for R11 (CFC-11), and expressly disclose the application of such refrigerants in cooling systems comprising a turbocompressor that compresses a refrigerant. Dournel et al. fail to expressly disclose increasing the rotational speed of the turbocompressor, specifically increasing the speed by about 4%. Bivens et al. teach the replacement of CFC refrigerants in turbocompressor systems with a non-CFC refrigerant, and demonstrate that it is known in the art to adjust the turbocompressor speed when adapting existing systems to use new refrigerants. Bivens et al. teach an example wherein a HFC refrigerant is used as a replacement (drop in) refrigerant in turbocompressor equipment designed for use with a CFC refrigerant, showing that the compressor rotational speed must be increased from 85 r/s to 88 r/s to provide equivalent performance with the drop in refrigerant. See particularly the paragraph beginning on line 65 in column 4. This change represents a 3.53% increase in speed, which is considered to be equivalent to about 4%. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have increased the speed of the turbocompressor, for example by 4%, when replacing R11 refrigerant with one comprising 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane because Bivens et al. teach that doing so may be necessary for achieving equivalent performance when using new refrigerants in existing equipment designed for CFCs. Furthermore, it can be appreciated that it would have been well within the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art to have adjusted the speed of the turbocompressor when utilizing different refrigerants, as such would have been practiced under routine experimentation that necessarily accompanies the modification of such systems.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4 and 5 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicants' arguments, filed 26 April 2005, with respect to the rejection of 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, have been fully considered and are persuasive in view of the amendment to the claim. The rejection of claim 5 has been withdrawn.

7. Applicant's arguments, filed 26 April 2005, with respect to the rejections of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive in view of the amendments to the claims. The rejections of claims 4 and 5 has been withdrawn.

8. Applicants' arguments, filed 26 April 2005, with respect to the rejections of claims 1-3 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants assert that because Dournel et al. disclose the use of a refrigerant comprising 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane and at least one non-flammable fluoro compound, Dournel et al. fails to meet the limitations of claims 1-3. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. There is no language in claims 1-3 that necessarily excludes other components from the claimed refrigerant. That is to say, the Examiner respectfully maintains that compressing a refrigerant comprising 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane in a turbocompressor, as disclosed by Dournel et al., meets the limitation of "compressing 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane as refrigerant in a turbocompressor," recited in claim 1. Likewise in claim 2, the Examiner respectfully maintains that the limitation reciting, "replacing the R11 or R123 with 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane" is still met by Dournel et al. who expressly disclose replacing R11 in a turbocompressor system with a refrigerant comprising 1,1,1,3,3-

pentafluorobutane. Accordingly it is suggested that claims 1-3 be amended such that the claims explicitly recite language that excludes the use of refrigerants comprising components other than 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane, as was done with claims 4 and 5.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

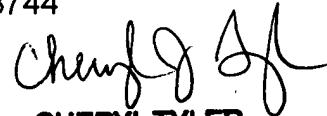
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Leung whose telephone number is 571-272-4811. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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